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SUBJECT: CSCE: PROPOSED NATO COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY

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1. IN VIEW OF CSCE EXPERTS MEETINGS AT NATO JANUARY

10-11 ON MILITARY SECURITY, ECONOMIC QUESTIONS AND

GENERAL PROBLEMS, NAC MEETING ON CSCE JANUARY 11

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(REFTEL) COULD WELL BE LARGELY DUPLICATIVE. MEETING

OF NAC ON ALTERNATIVE DATES OF JANUARY 18 OR 25 WOULD HAVE SEVERAL PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES. IT WOULD ALLOW FOR REVIEW OF RESULTS OF EXPERTS MEETINGS BEFORE DISCUSSION IN NAC. IT WOULD ALSO MAKE POSSIBLE RENEWED CONSULTATIONS AMONG CSCE DELEGATION HEADS ON BASIS OF CONTACTS IN CAPITALS DURING CHRISTMAS RECESS PRIOR TO MORE FORMAL DISCUSSION IN NATO COUNCIL FORMAT (NATO DELEGATION HEADS CAUCUS IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED IN GENEVA FOR JANUARY 14). JANUARY 18 DATE WOULD HAVE MARGINAL ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE OF PROCEEDING JANUARY 22 MEETING OF CSCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHEN NEXT DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-ON IS SCHEDULED.

2. IT MAY ALSO BE DESIRABLE FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW TO ABSORB ANY SURPRISES EMERGING FROM JANUARY 7-9 BONN CONSULTATIONS OF EC-NINE IN EXPERTS CONTEXT PRIOR TO CONFRONTING THEM IN NAC.

3. JANUARY 11 MEETING WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR U.S. DELEGATION HEAD BOSTER. HOWEVER BOSTER PLANS TO VISIT NATO EARLY IN 1974 AND JANUARY 18 OR 25 COULD FIT HIS PLANNING.

4. FYI. WHILE FRENCH DO NOT ATTEND NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA WITH RELIGIOUS REGULARITY, THEY DO COME TO MOST CAUCUS MEETINGS, INCLUDING MAJORITY OF THOSE ON MILITARY SUBJECTS. IN ADDITION THE FRENCH DELEGATION HERE HAS EXCELLENT ANTENNAE AND ALMOST ALWAYS MANAGES TO BE PRESENT AT NATO CAUCUS MEETINGS WHEN IMPORTANT ISSUES ARE UNDER DISCUSSION. BASSIN

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